



11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Kate Kruller

Can you hear that? The wheels of democracy are moving forward all around us right now! It is impossible to be a Democrat and not have opportunities all around you to get involved:

Local School Levy Ballots were out in mid January, and many of us were walking our precincts to encourage registered voters to support our schools!

WSDCC Quarterly Meeting was held in Seattle at the end of January. Please talk with our WSDCC Representatives Martha Koester and Azziem Underwood about the lively state meeting! In addition, our district manned an 11th LD display table at the KCDCC Friday hospitality event. We got our banner and flyers set up and that was on par with all the other legislative district tables – we looked good. Then Larry Grubb walked in, and the 11th LD nearly stole the show with caseloads of custom label soda to offer participants for a donation! Huckleberry, Sarsaparilla, Crème Soda, and some-kind-of -fancy coffee flavors were in the selection. It was a nice positive buzz for the 11th LD during the meeting.

Legislative Action Day and the WSDCC Crab Feed happens on President's Day – February 15! This is the day that you can go down and see the legislative session in action, talk with your legislators and other involved Democrats working in Olympia. Would you like to see the Governor in person? See details for the first activity at <http://wa-demchairs.org/kcdems/2010/february15flyer.pdf> 206.440.5829 and you can mingle with your legislators at the Crab Feed, just go to this link for details at <http://www.wa-democrats.org/index.php?page=events&view=eventdetail&eventid=1101> or call 206.583.0664! Feel free to call our own Don Bennett if you need details on carpools and what people from our legislative district are doing together.

Join us at the **11th Legislative District General Membership Meeting** on February 16 at Carpenter's Hall in Renton as we move on to electing a member each to sit on the credentials, rules, or platform committee at the WSDCC State Convention in June. We'll also have Seattle City Councilman Richard Conlin in to talk with the membership. We'll get reports on what happened in Olympia on President's Day and learn more about how to get involved in our new Activist Ad Hoc Committee!

Preparations are underway for the **11th Legislative District Democratic Caucus** at the IAM Hall in South Park on March 14. In that session, we will elect our 22 delegates and 11 alternates who will go to the State Convention June 26 with a credential to vote! Anyone can do this – as long as they live in our district, are a registered voter, and sign the registration sheet stating that they are a Democrat (BTW: Anyone from the public can attend and observe the meeting in a non-voting capacity). You throw your hat in the ring, say why you should be a delegate and if enough credentialed voters agree, you could be elected a delegate!

I'm telling you, if you want to be a part of it all, just say the word!

Upcoming Programs

*** Be sure to attend our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 16, 2010 – 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall**. Seattle City Councilman Richard Conlin will be our featured speaker. By-Law changes will be discussed (we vote in March). We will talk about the upcoming 11th Legislative District Caucus on the horizon – and how that works. This meeting is one day after the annual Legislative Action Day in Olympia, so fresh news on what's happening at the session will be readily available, and what it means to you.

The 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization made up of your neighbors, friends and community members! Making a difference starts with getting together getting active. I hope to see you at the next meeting!

GO DEMS!

Susan Kruller - Chair

11th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Welcome to the 11th Legislative Democratic Organization

**You are Invited to attend the Monthly Meetings
and engage in democracy in action!
Your dues enable you to receive the district newsletter,
help us defer our meeting expenses,
and support our efforts on behalf of Democratic candidates.
We provide or participate actively in fun and
informative opportunities to reach out to Democrats
and other voters in the 11th District.**

**Your volunteer efforts will further our goal
of active members in all of the 11th District precincts.**

We welcome you!

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11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
Tuesday January 19, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Carpenter's Hall – 231 Burnett Avenue North

Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m.
Call to Order
Flag Salute

7:05 p.m.

Approved Past Minutes/Approved Agenda

Recognitions/Introductions – Local 1144 made a monetary donation to the 11th LD we are sincerely appreciative of their generosity.

7:10 p.m.

Candidates presenting to the membership during the meeting were the following:

Suzan DelBene - A candidate for US Congressional District 8 addressed the membership, which was followed by a question and answer period. Some questions that were asked by the membership focused on the jobs and the economy. Her campaign headquarters is located in the Renton Highland at 1171 Kirkland Avenue NE Renton, WA 98056; phone number is (425) 203-1220.

Adam Eisenberg - Currently serves as Commissioner of Seattle Municipal Court; he is seeking appointment to King County Superior Court. This position was held by the retiring Judge George Mattson who supports the candidate. Judge Eisenberg presented to the membership his professional background and experiences. Questions and answer period followed. MSA to endorse Judge Eisenberg

Senator Joe McDermott is seeking the position of King County District 8, which is the former seat of King County Executive Dow Constantine. The Senator took questions from the membership.

Resolution to Recognize the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag was presented by Linh Thai. The 11th LD Democrats urge the Seattle City Council to

A) Recognize the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom flag to the Vietnamese-American community; B) Support the display of this flag at community events and at appropriate locations in Seattle; and C) that we encourage other cities and counties to also recognize the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom flag as the symbol of the Vietnamese-American community. –MSA

Other resolutions presented to the membership were To End the US Occupation and Air War in Afghanistan, Changing the Senate Health Care Bill as Proposed by the Congressional Progressive Caucus and to Defend Social Security against Possible Future Attacks on This Essential Program. The resolutions were submitted Martha Koester-Membership voted on all these remaining resolutions by Acclamation -MSA
Don Bennett presented the resolution on Raising State Revenues to Avoid Devastating Cuts to the Essential Services. Democrats urge the Legislature to repeal under-performing tax exemptions, beginning with the largest and sunset all tax exemptions every 10 years and the Democrats urge the Legislature to reform our regressive tax system and to implement state income tax on high-income earners and to raise at least two-thirds of the budget gap in revenues, balanced by one-third or less in cuts to services.-MSA

Kenyon Foxworthy advocated for the Washington Public Campaigns Watch HB1738/SB5912. This bill is to establish a pilot program of optional public financing of campaigns for the Washington State Supreme Court. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

8:15 p.m.

Break

We always appreciated the update given by Representative Zack Hudgins. Much work to be done by our state leaders, the state budget, raising revenue, jobs and education were just some of the issues presented during the question and answer period. If you have question for Rep Hudgins you can contact his office at (800) 562-6000.

8:40 p.m.

The 11th LD 2010 annual calendar and budget was presented-MSA

8:50 p.m.

Officer Report

Jay Hollingsworth presented activities and ideas by the steering committee. There is plenty of work to do and something for all to follow their political calling. Activists are needed because members make things happen, be a part of a group, develop a straw poll, a petition/resolution or develop a voter survey. These are just a few but most importantly the committee would like to know what suggestions you have, so contact Jay at (206) 725-4735 or George at (206)244-0632.

9:00 p.m.

Raffle Prizes

9:05 p.m.

Good of the Order

9:15 p.m.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Patterson – 11th LD Secretary

11th LD Democratic Vice-Chair

Jay Hollingsworth

FIGHT AGAINST CORPORATE PERSONHOOD! This Supreme Court decision has the potential to end Democracy. The Justices obviously do not believe in it. They must believe that the majority of the citizens are not qualified to govern the country. According to them, only the rich corporations and the wealthy have the qualities and knowledge to run this country. Is that OK with you? I don't think so.

I am forming an Activist Committee, approved by our Chair Kate Kruller. We need to bring together all of the grassroots activists. We must act in massive numbers to counter the big money attack. You have unique qualities and abilities. Do you have an issue you are passionate about? You are right! Meet on that issue. That is where you can make the most difference. I want to give you an opportunity to expand on that.

You don't come to the 11th LD meetings. Is that because you don't feel like being an audience member? Whatever your reason we need each other! I wish you would participate in any of a number of ways. Send me info on your meeting and inform us on what your group is doing. Write a newsletter article for us, or post for our web page. We could meet online on a Facebook site, have a live chat. Organize petitions to send out for online signatures. I wish to setup a network of "Middle Managers" to help each other and inform each other. The voter education could be tremendous! There is wall space and tables at the 11th LD meetings available for you to manage materials and network with others. There is an adjoining room you could meet in and talk to people at our monthly meeting. We can even give you the microphone at the monthly meeting or, I can speak on your behalf. I want us to share ideas! I want your experience and expertise. I want us to work together to save each other and save this great country of ours. What else can we do?

Official Call

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
Tuesday February 16, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North

Proposed Agenda

- 7:00 p.m.
Call to Order
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- 7:05 p.m.
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Recognitions/Introductions
- 7:10 p.m.
 - Alejandro Pena - Young Democrats University of Washington Chapter re: YD Convention State Convention Committee
 - Membership vote on WSDCC State Convention committee member selection (credentials, platform and rules) Convention date: Saturday, June 26, 2010Introduce proposed By-Law amendments that will be considered in March - Discussion
- 7:30 p.m.
Richard Conlin - Seattle City Councilman /Council President
- 8:00 p.m. Break
- 8:10 p.m.
 - 11th LD Caucus Meeting – Date/Details/Delegate selection process
 - 11th LD Nominating Convention
- 8:30 p.m. Officer Reports
 - WSDCC Quarterly Meeting Recap: Martha Koester/Azziem Underwood
 - Legislative Action Day Recap: Don Bennett
- 8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes
- 8:50 p.m. - Good of the Order
- 9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

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